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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : ORR Support to Joint Economic Committee of the
U. S. CongressREFERENCES : (a) Letter to DCI from Chairman, Joint
Economic Committee of Congress, dated
15 December 1965
(b) Letter to Chairman, Joint Economic
Committee of Congress from General
Counsel, dated 30 December 1965

1. This memorandum was prepared in response to your oral request for the background on ORR's support to the Joint Economic Committee of the Congress. Action is suggested in paragraph 8.

2. In 1959 and again in 1962 the JEC held hearings and published a compendium of papers on various aspects of the Soviet economy. Although Allen Dulles testified before the Committee in 1959, the Agency was not asked to contribute to the compendium of that year. In 1962, however, the Committee's Chairman in a letter to the Director requested the Agency to prepare a series of research papers for inclusion in the report. The Director agreed to provide the papers with the stipulations that the individual authors could be listed but that they not be identified with the Agency. The Chairman accepted CIA participation on this basis. Eight papers were contributed by ORR for the 1962 JEC report entitled Dimensions of Soviet Economic Power (copy attached with Agency authors identified).

3. In 1963 and 1964 the Committee asked the Agency to provide a series of statistical tables for inclusion in its projected publication, Economic Indicators for the USSR. ORR supplied the data requested and they were included without attribution.

4. In a letter of 15 December 1965 to the Director (copy attached) the Committee's Chairman again requested the Agency to provide a number of research papers for a new JEC volume on the Soviet economy to be published in the spring of 1966. The General Counsel in a letter of 30 December 1965 (copy attached) informed

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the Chairman that the unclassified research papers would be submitted, but requested "that the Central Intelligence Agency not be identified as the source of the information furnished the Joint Committee."

5. ORR has prepared eight of the twenty-two papers to be included in the new compendium. It is expected that the JEC report which includes these papers will be published in the summer of this year. The authors of the remaining fourteen are mainly from other Government agencies and from the academic community. Titles and authors of the papers prepared by ORR are:

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"The Soviet Economic System in Transition"

"Post-War Economic Growth in Eastern Europe--A Comparison with Western Europe"

"Soviet Foreign Aid to the Less Developed Countries and Cuba"

"Soviet Industry: Trends in Output, Inputs and Productivity"

"Trends in Output, Inputs and Factor Productivity in Soviet Agriculture"

"Recent Trends in Consumption and Disposable Money Income in the USSR"

"Computers in the Soviet Economy"

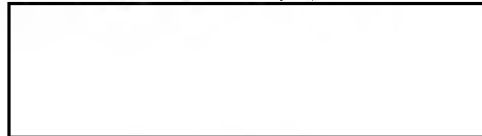
"Economic Reform in the Soviet Consumer Industries"

6. Under present arrangements, the Government authors of these papers presumably will be listed in the published compendium without indication of their Agency affiliation. With respect to the ORR authors, the Agency has already requested that no Agency connection be indicated. For reasons of cover and quasi-cover, none of these authors wish to be publicly identified with the Agency at this time. The papers are scholarly research products and do not touch on issues of national policy.

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7. The papers contributed by ORR were prepared for the most part on company time and were considered a part of the regular research program. Some of them represent the culmination of research that has been in process for a long time; others represent the updating and declassification of reports or parts of reports published previously by ORR. Although some of the authors put in considerable amounts of overtime in preparing their papers, this was a voluntary matter. The overtime worked either to improve the paper or because the pressure of other work threatened to prevent its timely completion.

8. In view of Mr. Helms' recent statements regarding the desirability of identifying Agency authors with CIA, you may wish to discuss this with him.



WILLIAM N. MORRELL, JR.
Director
Research and Reports

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Attachments:

- Tab A - Reference A
- Tab B - Reference B
- Tab C - JEC Report, Dimensions of Soviet Economic Power

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Honorable Hale Boggs, Chairman
Subcommittee on Foreign Economic Policy
Joint Economic Committee
United States Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your request to the Director of 15 December, we will be pleased to assist the Joint Economic Committee in its survey of the Soviet economy, with particular emphasis on policy direction and quantitative performance.

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[redacted] will be the Agency action officer for the project and has been in contact with Mr. Leon M. Herman, of the Library of Congress, whom you have designated as the coordinating officer for materials in connection with the survey.

In confirming arrangements made with Mr. Herman, papers on the following subjects will be submitted by the end of March 1966 in order to meet the date you have set for publication of the survey:

1. The Socialist Economy in Transition.
2. The Economic Relations of Eastern Europe and the USSR.
3. Factor Productivity in Industry in the USSR.
4. Factor Productivity in Soviet Agriculture.
5. Recent Trends in Consumption in the Soviet Union.
6. A Decade of Soviet Economic Aid to Newly Developing Countries.

As in the past, our papers will be unclassified; however, it is requested that the Central Intelligence Agency not be identified as the source of the information furnished the Joint Committee.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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The Hon. William F. Raborn, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Raborn:

The Joint Economic Committee is preparing for publication in the early months of 1966 a survey of the Soviet economy, with particular emphasis on policy direction and quantitative performance. On this particular occasion, we have in mind a presentation organized along the general lines of the volume of research papers published by the Committee in December 1962 under the title, "Dimensions of Soviet Economic Power."

In this connection, we are hopeful that we may again count on the cooperation of your Agency which, on several similar occasions in the past, has generously contributed substantial research papers for use by the Committee in its published studies. It has been a gratifying experience to all past participants to observe, over the years, that the periodic publications of the Joint Economic Committee on the Soviet economy have become widely recognized as a prime source of documented factual material and objective analysis by the congressional community as well as by scholars here and abroad.

In view of your particular capabilities in these areas of economic analysis, we should appreciate receiving from your Agency, research papers under the following approximate titles:

1. The Socialist Economy in Transition.
2. The Broad Outlines of the New Soviet Five-Year Plan (1966-1970).
3. Factor Productivity in Industry in the USSR.
4. Factor Productivity in Soviet Agriculture.
5. Recent Trends in Consumption in the Soviet Union.
6. A Decade of Soviet Economic Aid to Newly Developing Countries.

We are asking all participants in this study to deliver their contributions to the Committee by the end of February 1966.

Hon. William F. Raborn

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Mr. Leon M. Herman, of the Library of Congress, has been working with Committee staff in coordinating materials for this study, and it is requested that any questions that might arise be directed to him (Telephone: Code 173 - Ext. 8014).

I have asked Mr. Herman to get in touch with you or your designees in order to facilitate preparation of these requested papers.

Sincerely yours,



Hale Boggs, Chairman
Subcommittee on Foreign Economic Policy.